

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:**

Mitsuru MAEDA et al.

Confirmation No.: 8952

**Application No.:** 10/500,334

Group Art Unit: 1623

**Filed:** December 30, 2004

Examiner: Traviss C. McIntosh, III

**Title:** 2-O-( $\beta$ -D-GLUCOPYRANOSYL) ASCORBIC ACID, PROCESS FOR ITS PRODUCTION, AND FOODS AND COSMETICS CONTAINING COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING IT

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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**AMENDMENT & REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 13, 2008, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified application. The present response is filed concurrently with a Declaration by Harukazu Fukami Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 and with an English translation of JP 53-098954. The present response is timely filed on or before May 13, 2008.

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